

CITY OF BRIDGMAN CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING
June 12, 2023
5:30 PM

1. Call to Order

A regular meeting of the Bridgman City Corridor Improvement Authority was held on June 12, 2023, at City Hall, 9765 Maple Street, Bridgman, Michigan and called to order by Chair Anderson at 5:30 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present: Hannah Anderson, Matthew Bizoe, John Murphy, Beth McNeil, Julie Strating, Catherine Worcester, Wayne Hall

Absent: None

Staff present: City Manager Juan Ganum, City Clerk Sheila Reitz, Mayor Jan Trapani

3. Approve/Amend Agenda for June 12, 2023

Motion by Member Worcester and seconded by Member Strating to approve the June 12, 2023, agenda. **Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.**

4. Hearing of the Citizens- No one wished to be heard.

5. Approval of the May 15, 2023, Meeting Minutes

Motion by Member McNeil and seconded by Member Murphy to approve the May 15, 2023, meeting minutes as presented. **Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.**

6. Public Informational Meeting, as required by Public Act 57 of 2018, MCL 125.4910(4). Presentation by City Manager.

City Manager Ganum presented a brief history of the Bridgman City Corridor Improvement Authority. Included in the presentation were the establishment, district map, priorities, and a question-and-answer session.

7. Discussion/Action Items

A. Consideration of a request submitted by the owner of the Get-A-Way Grill and Cubbie Bar, the owner of Emma's Hearth and Market, and the general manager of Haymarket Brewery and Taproom to create a second Social District along Red Arrow Highway.

Chair Anderson gave a brief update to board members regarding the request submitted for a new social district to be established along Red Arrow Highway. City Manager Ganum presented a proposed map of what the district would encompass. Discussion was held and included conversations on the best way to mark the new district for the public.

Motion by Member Strating and seconded by Member Bizoe to recommend approval of a new social district encompassing the east side of Red Arrow Highway with the northern boundary of Haymarket Brewery and Taproom (9301 Red Arrow Hwy), southern boundary of the former Early Bird Restaurant (9735 Red Arrow Hwy), and east on Lake Street to Baldwin Road, south on Baldwin Road to the southern boundary of 9727 Red Arrow Highway, including the United Federal Credit Union property per their approval, with public notice. **Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.**

B. Bridgman Courtyard Update

Chair Anderson expressed her appreciation to Member Strating for all her hard work on the courtyard project. Appreciation was also extended to others who helped with the assembling of the furniture and other areas of the project.

Member Strating gave a brief update on the courtyard project. She stated that the gas line for the firepit is in, AEP needs to complete the installation of electricity, and the brick patio will be installed as soon as the electrical work is completed.

Member Bizoe expressed gratitude to members on behalf of the students involved in painting the mural. The students were excited to be a part of the project.

8. Staff Updates

A. Accent lighting on Lake Street streetlights.

City Manager Ganum informed board members that the city is in the “experimental phase” of selecting light options for the light poles along Lake Street. Rope lights may work and will be tested in the near future.

B. Development Projects

City Manager Ganum informed board members that the Habitat for Humanity project at the corner of Vineyard Street and Willow Street, the Babcock Trails project at the corner of Lake Street and Church Street, and the Sunset Village project on Baldwin Street, are all progressing. The next Planning Commission meeting will be held on Thursday, June 29, 2023, at 5:30 pm.

City Manager Ganum informed board members that he has been in communication with Comcast and is exploring ways for the City of Bridgman to utilize and embrace technological advancements. He gave the example of updating the city’s Wi-Fi capabilities, including but not limited to, extending it to the courtyard. He gave an example of technological advances in regard to sensors being used on trash cans to send a message to report capacity loads. Discussion was held. More information will be available in the future.

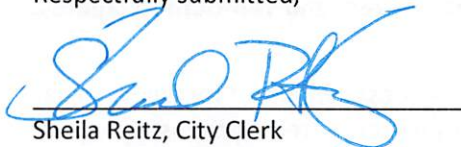
Member Worcester initiated conversation regarding the public parking lot behind the China Café located at 4205 Lake Street. She would like to see a public parking sign in place to inform the public that it is a public parking lot. Discussion was held.

Motion by Member Strating and seconded by Member Bizoe to approve up to \$200 to be used for a public parking sign to be placed indicating public parking in this space. **Voice vote, motion carried unanimously.**

9. Adjournment

Motion by Member Strating and seconded by Member Murphy to adjourn the meeting at 6:39 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Sheila Reitz, City Clerk
City of Bridgman